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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROL: POSSIBLE SALE OF COMPUTER
SOFTWARE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. A REPRESENTATIVE OF CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF SKODA WORKS IN PLZEN (PILSEN) CALLED AT EMBASSY DECEMBER 4 SEEKING OUR ASSISTANCE IN CLARIFYING EXPORT REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO COMPUTEGC PROGRAM KNOWN AS "NASTRAN" IN U.S. DR. LADISLAV PRASEK SAID HIS INSTITUTE HAD FIRST COME ACROSS NASTRAN, A COMPUTER PROGRAM USED FOR SOLUTION OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CALCULATIONS IN PRODUCTION OF SHELLS, ROTORS AND ISCS FOR STEAM TURBINES, REACTOR VESSELS, ELECTRICAL HOUSING FOR LOCOMOTIVES, THE THE LIKE, IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN MAGAZINE MACHINE DESIGN (FEBRUARY 24, 1972 ISSUE) WRITTEN BY E. KHOL AND ENTITLED "SUPER PROGRAM SPELLS DOOM FOR CUT-AND-TRY DESIGN."

2. USING ADDRESSES PROVIDED IN ARTICLE A COLLEAGUE OF DR. PRASEK WROTE TO NASA COMPUTER SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION CENTER (COSMIC) IN ATHENS, GEORGIA, SEEKING MORE INFORMATION ON
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NASTRAN. IN EARLY NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR, THE SKODA CENTRAL

RESEARCH INSTITUTE RECEIVED A WRITTEN REPLY FROM NASA IN WASHINGTON DATED OCTOBER 22, 1974, STATING THAT NASTRAN PROGRAM IS NOT AVAILABLE TO REQUESTERS OUTSIDE UNITED STATES. LETTER WAS SIGNED BY JEFFERY T. HAMILTON, DIRECTOR, TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION OFFICE, OFFICE OF INDUSTRY AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION AT NASA HEADQUARTERS.

3. DR. PRASEK TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE IS AWARE OF NASTRAN PROGRAMS NOW BEING USED IN WEST GERMANY AND IN UNITED KINGDOM. IN FACT, HE STATED THAT BRITISH MAGAZINE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER (OCTOBER 1971 ISSUE, NO 10, VOL 51) CARRIED EITHER ADVERTISE-
MENT OR ARTICLE IN WHICH CDC DATA SERVICE (US) OFFERS NASTRAN SYSTEM FOR SALE IN EUROPE. DR. PRASEK HAS APPARENTLY WRITTEN AS WELL TO UK ADDRESS GIVEN IN MAGAZINE BUT HAS UNTIL NOW RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE OEA CLARIFICATION OF REGULATIONS NOW APPLYING TO EXPORTS OF THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM SO THAT WE MAY ADVISE DR. PRASEK ACCORDINGLY.
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